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question why a certain thing should be done, he promptly received the reply, "You're in the army now." That expression, to the American soldier, had about the same idea of fatalism as did "C'est le guerre" for the French. Anyway we accepted it as sufficient reason for becoming resigned to any fate that might befall us while in the army.

IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING THE FIRST MONTHS IN CAMP.

But all was not work. There was time off for recreation and amusement, and also a few big days to break the monotony of camp life. The first formal review of the regiment by the commanding officer was held October 26, 1917. If we could only have known what this was the beginning of, and could have foreseen the many reviews that awaited us in the future, we would have doubtless mourned that night in sackcloth and ashes. It is a kind Providence that withholds a soldier's future from him. It would require more real courage and heroism to face a known future of twelve months in army life during war time than to go "over the top" in a bayonet charge.

The National colors arrived on November 2, 1917, and were first used during a regimental review, November 5, which was followed the next day by the first divisional review.